



Committee on Ordinances

September 25, 2007 – 7:00 pm – **Agenda**
City Council Chamber, Room 214, Municipal Building

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1. Written Motion, Councillor Gonsalves, proposing that an Amendment be made to Section 2-157 of the City Code relative to DEMOLITION OF BUILDINGS. (Ref'd 5/26/05, refer to Legal Counsel to draft an Ordinance amending Sec. 2-157, Demolition of Buildings 8/24/05, remain in committee 10/11/06, 8/30/07 - tabled until next meeting so Anne Lauro can get the language to Council)

INVITEES: City Planner David Kennedy; New Bedford Historical Commission Chairperson Joan Beaubian; Preservation Planner Anne Louro; WHALE President Peter Hawes

2. Written Motion, Councillor Saunders, asking that Use Variances be granted in the City of New Bedford, under limited circumstances where a hardship has been demonstrated, due to the fact that, when recodification happened in December 2004, the City Council was sold on the plan because certain sections of the City were to be rezoned by the Planning Board, and this said rezoning has not been acted on in the last 23 months by the Planning Board. (Ref'd 11/09/06, remain in Committee 7/25/07 –letters to Legal Counsel, City Solicitor & City Planner to develop a Draft Ordinance W/I (60) sixty days, hear in September)

INVITEES: Atty. David Gerwatowski; City Planner David Kennedy; City Solicitor Irene Schall

3. Written Motion, Councillor Gonsalves, asking that the Ordinance Committee review this matter (Comcast Permits) and considers drafting some kind of Ordinance to have better control/leverage over the Obstruction/Disturbance Permits. (Ref'd 5/24/07)

INVITEES: DPI Commissioner Ronald Labelle; City Solicitor Irene Schall

4. Communication, City Clerk Arruda to City Council, re: Regulations for Pawnbrokers and enclosing Commonwealth of Massachusetts Commissioner of banks' letter regarding interest rates for same. (Ref'd 5/24/07)

INVITEES: City Clerk Rita Arruda; City Solicitor Irene Schall

5. Communication, TOWN OF WALPOLE Board of Selectman, to City Council, requesting Councillors to write a letter in support for filing legislation that will cause the immediate suspension of MGL Chapter 40B, the Comprehensive Permit law, as it applies to applications for comprehensive permits not supported by the community, applications more commonly referred to as "unfriendly 40B's", enclosing copy of their letter re: same. (Ref'd 6/14/07)

INVITEES: City Solicitor Irene Schall

6. Written Motion, Councillor Pina, requesting that the DPF and the Mayor's Office look into purchasing additional trash receptacles to be used in different locations throughout the City; and further, that we request variety stores to purchase trash barrels to be placed outside of their establishments, in an effort to eliminate the garbage that is left to accumulate on the sidewalk from the customers exiting their stores. (Ref'd 6/28/07)

INVITEES: DPF Commissioner Lawrence Worden; Representative of the Mayor

7. Written Motion, Councillor Coelho, requesting that the Committee on Ordinances, review and/or revise the current Ordinance “Trailers and structures unattached on public ways; penalties – Section 23-22” to prohibit boat owners to store their trailers and boats on public ways for months at a time, taking up parking spaces in highly populated neighborhoods. (Ref’d 6/28/07)
- 7a. Communication, Councillor Coelho, submitting correspondence from constituent and pictures re: flatbed trucks, trailers and boats parking on Rochambeau Street. (Ref’d 6/28/07)

INVITEES: City Solicitor Irene Schall; Police Chief Ronald Teachman

8. AN ORDINANCE, Amending Chapter 19, Section 19-7 Personnel, by inserting “Zoning Administrator”, M-5 to the Unit C Schedule. (Ref’d 8/16/07)
- 8a. AN ORDINANCE, Amending Chapter 9, Section 5200 – COMPREHENSIVE ZONING- Zoning Board of Appeals by inserting Section 5250 – Zoning Administrator. (Ref’d 8/16/07)

INVITEES: City Solicitor Irene Schall; Atty. Gerwatowski; Zoning Board of Appeals Members: Chairman Barry Sylvia, Vice-Chairperson Debra Trahan, Dennis Costa, Annette Allard; Scott Lemieux; Donald Gomes; Horacio Tavares